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LOCATION: Scott Avenue, Jeannette, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania

SIGNIFICANCE: A high concentration of window, tableware, bottle and specialty glass plants distinguished Jeannette as "The Glass City" early in its history. Significant housing stock consists of company-built row and detached double houses, and several privately constructed dwellings.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Incorporated in 1910 as the Kirillo-Methodius Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church, the trustees had acquired two lots for \$500.00 each in January 1910 in this residential area with 15' setback restrictions. Construction began immediately, and the structure was completed by 1912. The five original trustees were: Theodore Hranychnyj, a laborer; Vasily Suder, grocery store owner; Mike Beresky of Greensburg; Wasyl Hovan; and Wasyl Sudia. In October 1911, the church acquired a partial lot to the west with a two story wood frame dwelling to be used as a rectory.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Sited on a prominent hilltop, this compact one-story red brick church is visible from most of Jeannette. Its onion domes further heighten its visibility, particularly since they are a relatively unusual architectural form in this country. Entry through paired doors in the square centered tower leads into the vestibule. In the nave, diagonal bays connect the tower to the rest of the structure. Above the exterior doorway under an ogee arch are painted portraits of St. Cyril and St. Methodius on a blue background, with a small round stained glass window and two Greek crosses above. A cupola rises from the tower with filled in window lights, negating the original purpose of using cupolas on Eastern Orthodox churches, that of providing light. Atop the nave section are five onion domes, one on each corner and the slightly larger fifth one atop the half hipped roof. The rear roof has two graded gables, and the rear wall is a wide projecting apse. The eastern and western walls each have three large arched stained glass windows. A covered walkway connects the church to the parsonage to the west, a post-1960 structure that replaced a two-story wood frame dwelling.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Insurance Maps of Jeannette, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1916.

Tax Assessment Books. Westmoreland County Tax Assessment Office, Westmoreland County Courthouse, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Deed Books. Recorder of Deeds, Westmoreland County Courthouse, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, 475/488, 475/490, 489/82, 500/214.

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PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

In February 1987, the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) and the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) began a multi-year historical and architectural documentation project in southwestern Pennsylvania. Carried out in conjunction with America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP), HABS and HAER undertook a comprehensive documentation of Jeannette, documenting industries, housing and cultural institutions.